

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The application relates to a system and method for identification of parts. In one preferred embodiment the invention is used for the identification of machined parts such as those used in automobiles, and other relatively complex machinery. The system includes a scalable database of identification data sets. Each data set is descriptive of an item and comprises information that aid in identifying the item including data relating to a numbering scheme, a family category, picture files depicting the item, and identification criteria defined from the family category. The system presents an input screen having a plurality of input boxes to a user display screen, including input boxes for input of a number scheme and a family wizard. Upon receiving user input from an input device, the system retrieves at least one data set descriptive of an item from the database based upon input received. The system is also configured to present a criteria screen, upon receiving input from the user device selecting a family wizard. The criteria screen includes identification questions that correlate to the identification criteria for the corresponding family. The system can also present a results screen that include all of the information from at least one data set.